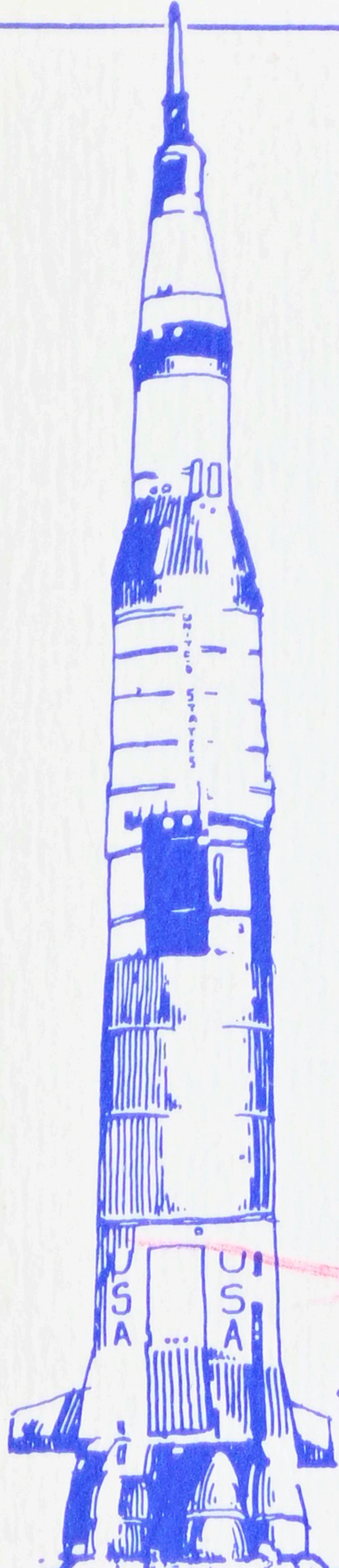


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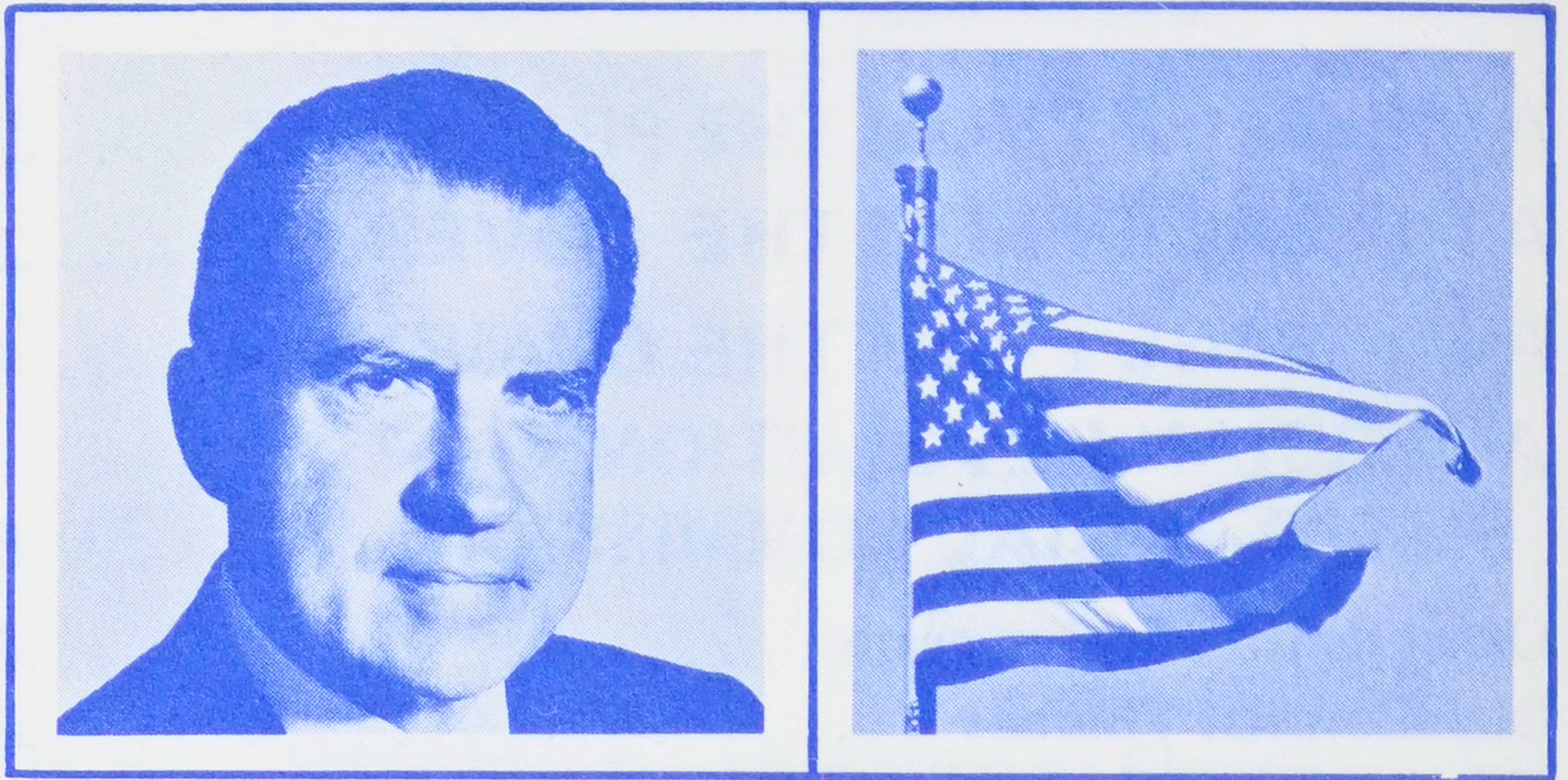
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I, myself, see the celebration of this nation's two-hundredth birthday as a commanding opportunity to evoke from our fellow citizens a deep sense of pride in our national heritage and accomplishments, and to inspire them to dedicated effort for the fulfillment of national goals yet to be attained.

The Bicentennial celebrates more than the events of the Revolution. It belongs not only to the thirteen original States, but equally to the newest and the farthest from those 18th-Century battlefields. It is a national celebration; a national anniversary; it challenges each of the 50 states and every community to look to its heritage and its hopes.

We have forged one nation from an extraordinary diversity of people, cultures, and traditions. Each generation has mastered new problems and discovered new opportunities. All this is part of the rich treasure of experience on which we must draw for the Bicentennial; and our goal must be to marshal this experience so as to launch the nation's third century with a new "Spirit of '76" that matches the first.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

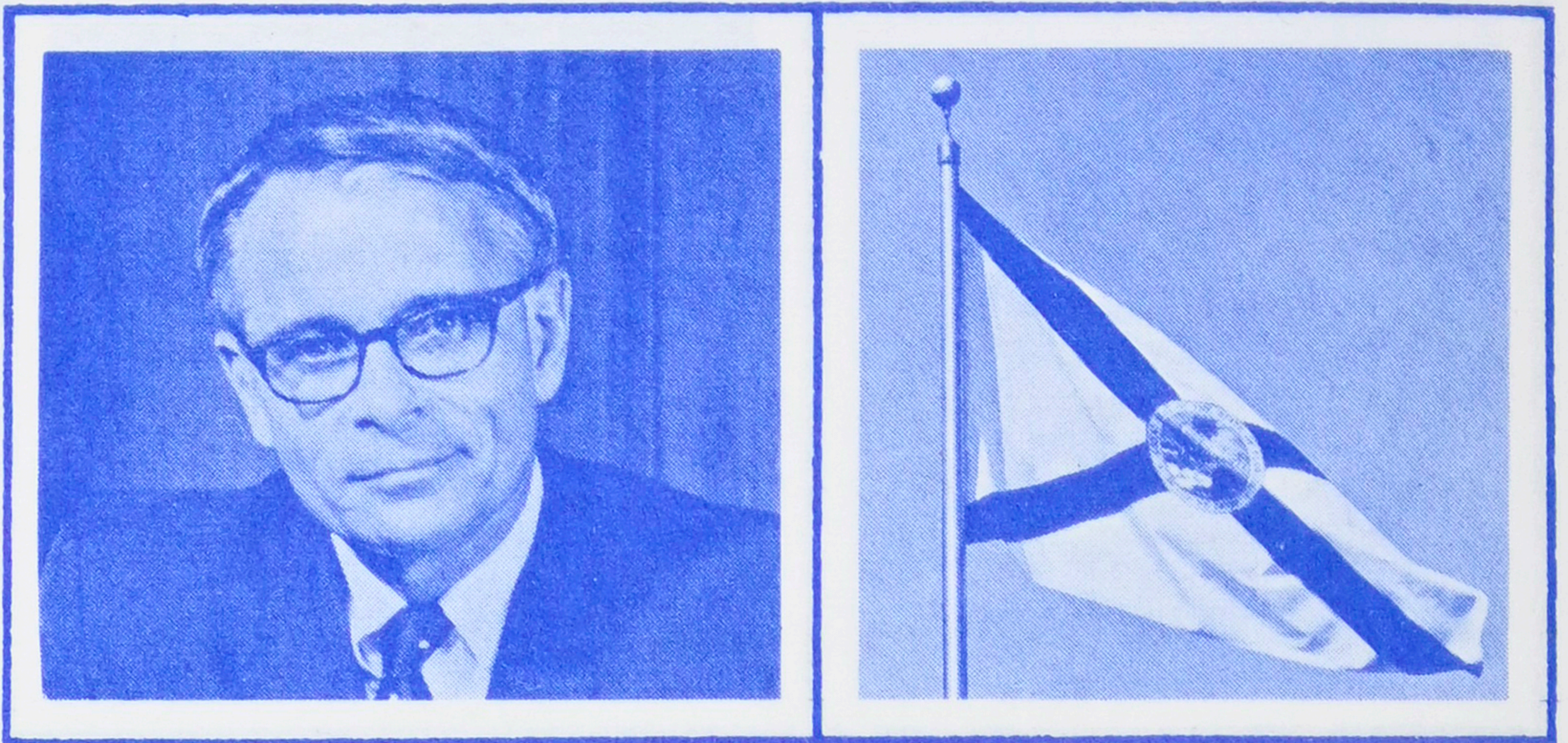


The celebration of our nation's two-hundredth anniversary is a momentous one for Florida. This Bicentennial commemorates more than just the one year of 1776; it celebrates our whole national experience. Florida brings to this experience a unique chapter, for the distance from Saint Augustine to the Apollo moon flights is not two hundred but over four hundred years.

Besides our longer history, Florida's contribution includes the special role Miami will play in the national celebration. Chosen as one of four cities to play a special national role by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, Miami symbolizes the young metropolis shaping our national destiny.

As Floridians we should enter this period of celebration with renewed pride in our rich heritage. As citizens of the fastest growing major state we should also feel pride in accepting the greater responsibilities our increasing political power imposes. In celebrating the past we re-dedicate ourselves to the principles that guide us toward the democratic ideal.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



The Bicentennial celebration presents one of our nation's greatest opportunities. It will provide us the occasion to commemorate the most significant revolution in history. Names like Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill should live again as reminders of a great sacrifice of life for the principle of liberty. With such a heritage our entire nation should rally behind this very special event and observe it in a spirit befitting the past.

However, while we are already planning a proper observance of past events, the bicentennial must be more than a proud historic celebration. It must emphasize the future, and we must dedicate ourselves to provide a better way of life for all our citizens in the third one hundred years of our nation.

This better third century must manifest itself in more than greater technological advancement. It must create greater harmony and unity among the American people. It must generate progress toward the solving of long-standing problems. There is no better way to attain this better way of life than to begin now with careful planning and hard work.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Organization and Purpose

Public Law 89-491 passed July 5, 1966, by the 89th Congress, "to establish the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes," contained this preamble:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that, as this nation approaches the bicentennial of its birth and the historic events preceding and associated with the American Revolution which are of such major significance in the development of our national heritage of individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights and which have also had so profound an influence throughout the world, it is appropriate and desirable to provide for the observation and commemoration of this anniversary and these events through local, state, national and international activities planned, encouraged, developed and coordinated by a national commission, representative of appropriate public and private authorities and organizations."

In his report to Congress on September 11, 1970, President Nixon said the goal which the Commission has established is most appropriate for our nation at this time "to forge a new national commitment, a new spirit of '76, a spirit which vitalized the ideals for which the Revolution was fought; a spirit which will unite the nation in purpose and dedication to the advancement of human welfare as it moves into its third century."

Bicentennial Themes

The National American Revolution Bicentennial Commission developed three major compatible bicentennial themes covering the past, present, and future -- Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76.

Heritage '76

A nationwide summons to recall our heritage and to place it in its historical perspective. All groups within our society are urged to re-examine our origins, our values, and the meaning of America - to take pride in our accomplishments and to dramatize our development.

Festival USA

A nationwide opportunity to program activities and events, to stimulate travel, and to encourage our citizens to expand their knowledge of our country and extend a particular welcome to visitors, including those from foreign nations.

Horizons '76

A nationwide challenge to every American, acting individually or with others, to undertake at least one principal project which manifests the pride, the priorities, and the hopes of his community. The Commission encourages every group to pool its resources and talents in a constructive effort to demonstrate concern for human welfare, happiness, and freedom.

The Commission also adopted a "Call for Achievement" program through which cities of the U. S. will be encouraged to undertake civic projects that are related to the spirit of the bicentennial and that can be completed or be underway by 1976.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Symbol

The American Revolution Bicentennial symbol is derived from the stars, stripes, and colors of the United States flag.

The symbol takes the form of an American 5-pointed star in white, surrounded by continuous red, white, and blue stripes which form a second star. This double star is symbolic of the two centuries which have passed since the American Revolution.

These colorful stripes also evoke a feeling of festivity and suggest the furled bunting traditionally used in times of celebration throughout the nation.

The symbol is contemporary in design in keeping with the forward-looking goals of the Bicentennial celebration.



BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF FLORIDA

Organization and Purpose

At the request of the President of the United States and the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, the Florida Legislature in 1970 created the Bicentennial Commission of Florida to plan and develop Florida's participation in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution (Chapter 13, Part V, Florida Statutes).

Florida's Commission is composed of twenty-eight members, with the Governor as honorary chairman. Ten members are appointed by the Governor, five are members of the Florida Senate, and five are members of the Florida House of Representatives. Others are the Lieutenant Governor, the Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Education, the Secretary of Commerce, the Director of Archives, History and Records Management, the Director of the Division of Recreation and Parks, and a member of the State Board of Regents. The members serve without compensation except for per diem expenses.

The legislation creating the Commission charges the Commission: (1) To coordinate its efforts with those of the National Bicentennial Commission in developing an effective national observance; (2) To plan an overall program for commemorating the Bicentennial on a statewide basis, with participation by local and regional groups; (3) To cooperate with Miami Bicentennial efforts in carrying out that city's role as a special Bicentennial city (along with Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington, D. C.); (4) To work with other state agencies in developing and carrying out the commemoration of the American Revolution; (5) To solicit the participation of every Floridian in the Bicentennial observance.

The Commission holds a meeting every other month, each time in a different Florida city, and advance notice is given the press to encourage public attendance of these meetings.

**BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION OF FLORIDA**
Organizational Structure

Executive Committee:

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Mr. Ney C. Landrum
Dr. Charles E. Perry
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Dr. Samuel Proctor
Mr. F. Blair Reeves
Mr. W. Robert Williams, Secretary

Research and Publications Committee:

Dr. Samuel Proctor, Chairman
The Honorable Floyd T. Christian
Dr. Johnnie Ruth Clarke
Senator Warren S. Henderson
Representative Joe Lang Kershaw

Significant Sites and Properties Committee:

Mr. Ney C. Landrum, Chairman
Secretary of State Richard Stone
Senator Jack D. Gordon
Senator Alan Trask
Senator Robert Williams
The Honorable Don L. Spicer

Buildings, Exhibits and Graphics Committee:

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FLORIDA BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS

Action '76

The most important duty of the state Bicentennial Commission is to enlist the commitment and involvement of all Floridians in the Bicentennial observance. No other program can accomplish this goal as effectively as Action '76, the Commission's community participation program.

Action '76 solicits the cooperation of every citizen of every county in a goals setting and achieving program. Action '76 is organized around a local steering committee whose job it is to determine the most serious problems in the community and project the most effective solutions. Progress is constantly monitored so that the goals can be attained on schedule in time for the 1976 celebration. This approach to community problems has one overall goal - the improvement of the quality of life of all the citizens of the community.

State funds are available for organizational, planning, and administrative costs on a matching funds basis. Each grant is computed on a population basis that allots more proportionately to small counties than to large ones. Before all funds are granted, the local steering committee must demonstrate its ability to match them.

It is planned to have Action '76 programs in each of the sixty-seven counties in the state by 1976. Through Action '76, every citizen in Florida will have the opportunity to participate in a Bicentennial project that will make his community a better place in which to live for the third one hundred years.



Miami is one of four cities designated by the President to play a special role in the Bicentennial.

Bicentennial Trail

The Florida Bicentennial Trail will consist of approximately one hundred sites of great historic significance. These sites will be selected from a master inventory of archaeological and historical sites, each possessing some degree of interpretive potential in relation to the Bicentennial Trail concept.

In 1972, at a meeting of the Bicentennial Commission of Florida, the Committee on Significant Sites and Properties presented a written report on the Florida Bicentennial Trail "concept." That report outlines the objective of "...tangibly portraying Florida's rich and unique heritage to the public..." by effectively utilizing a number of significant pre-historic and historic sites which, together in a proper association, would constitute the Florida Bicentennial Trail.

As of February 1, 1973, twenty developed and nine undeveloped sites had been authorized by the Commission for inclusion in the Bicentennial Trail.

Developed Sites

Crystal River Mound Complex	Fort Walton Temple Mound
Fort Caroline	Cedar Key
Castillo de San Marcos	DeSoto National Memorial
McLarty Museum	Fort Pickens
San Marcos de Apalache	Fort Clinch
Kingsley Plantation	Olustee Battlefield
Bulow Plantation Ruins	Whitehall (Flagler Museum)
Cape Florida Lighthouse	Edison Estate
Dade Battlefield	
Gamble Mansion	
Vizcaya	
Cape Kennedy Space Center	

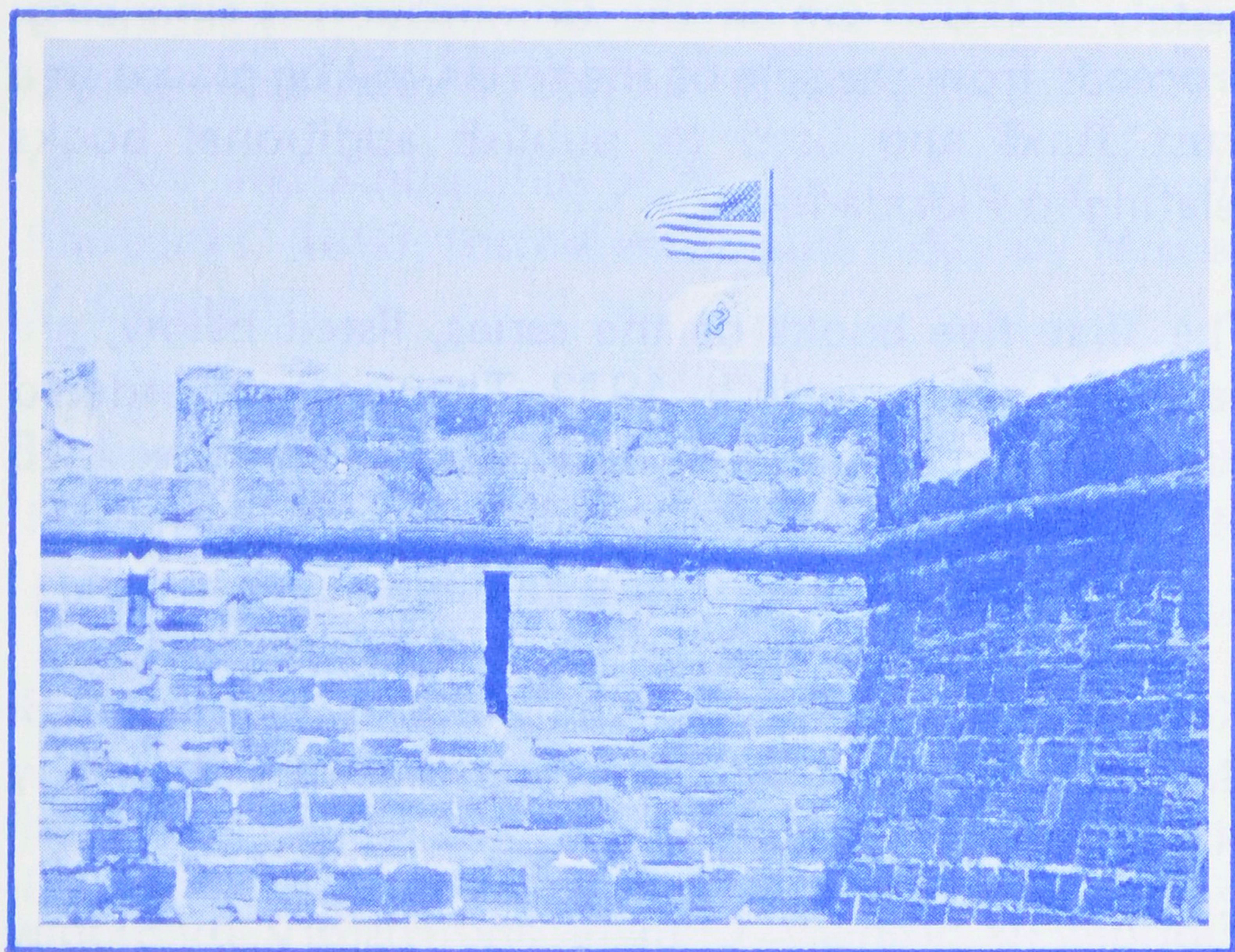
Undeveloped Sites

San Juan de Aspalaga	Casenave House
Fort George	Koreshan Unity Settlement
Jesse Fish Plantation	Lake Kissimmee
Indian Key	Pioneer Cow Camp
Fort Foster	Forest Capital Museum

Florida Bicentennial Trail identification markers have been or are being installed at each of the developed sites.

The Trail was officially dedicated in a formal ceremony at the Castillo de San Marcos in Saint Augustine on July 4, 1972.

Plans call for the final selection of all sites in the Trail to be completed in 1974. A Bicentennial Trail Guide will be published in 1976 to acquaint the public with the sites and their historic significance.



Castillo de San Marcos



The Battle of Pensacola, a Significant Event of the American Revolutionary Era, ended with the surrender of the City at Fort George in 1781.

Facsimile Series

The Bicentennial Commission of Florida, in cooperation with the University of Florida Press, is sponsoring the publication of twenty-five rare, out-of-print books relating to the 450 years of Florida history. Each volume will contain an introduction by a competent scholar and an index to both the original book and the introduction. The Florida Bicentennial Commission will thus make these valuable but unobtainable books available both to scholars and to the interested reading public. The projected cost of publishing the series is approximately \$50,000 which the Commission is financing. Proceeds from the sale of the series will be placed in a trust fund and used to publish additional books relating to Florida history.

The first five books of the series, listed below, are being offered for sale in 1973. They may be ordered from: University of Florida Press, 15 Northwest 15 Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

The New Floridiana Facsimile Series

Samuel Proctor, General Editor

Key West: The Old and the New, by Jefferson B. Browne. 1912. Introduction and index by E. Ashby Hammond.

Florida: Its Scenery, Climate, and History, by Sidney Lanier. 1875. Introduction and index by Jerrell H. Shofner.

The Present State of the European Settlements on the Mississippi, by Philip Pittman. 1770. Introduction and index by Robert R. Rea.

Notices of East Florida, with an Account of the Seminole Nation of Indians, by William H. Simmons. 1822. Introduction and index by George E. Buker.

Red Patriots: The Story of the Seminoles, by Charles Coe. 1898. Introduction and index by Charlton W. Tebeau.

A Description of the Province of Carolina, by the Spaniards Call'd Florida ... by Daniel Coxe. 1722. Introduction and index by William Coker.

The Atlantic Pilot, by William Gerard DeBrahm. 1772. Introduction and index by Louis De Vorsev, Jr.

Historical Sketches of Colonial Florida, by Richard L. Campbell. 1892. Introduction and index by Pat Dodson.

A View of West Florida, Embracing Its Geography, Topography, &c., with an Appendix Treating of its Antiquities, Land Titles, and Canals, and Containing a Map Exhibiting a Chart of the Coast, a Plan of Pensacola, and the Entrance of the Harbour (Philadelphia, 1827), by John Lee Williams. Introduction and index by Herbert J. Doherty, Jr.

History and Antiquities of St. Augustine, by George Fairbanks. 1868. Introduction and index by Michael V. Gannon.

An Account of the First Discovery and Natural History of Florida, by William Roberts. 1763. Introduction and index by Robert L. Gold.

Letters from the Frontiers, by George A. McCall. 1868. Introduction and index by John K. Mahon.

The Trial and Imprisonment of Jonathan Walker, at Pensacola, Florida, for Aiding Slaves to Escape from Bondage, with an Appendix Containing a Sketch of His Life, by Jonathan Walker. 1845. Introduction and index by Joe M. Richardson.

An Impartial Account of the Late Expedition against St. Augustine under General Oglethorpe ... (London, 1742).

Observations upon the Floridas (New York, 1823), by Charles Blacker Vignoles.

A Narrative of the Early Days and Remembrances of Ocoia Nikkanochee, Prince of Econchatti, a Young Seminole Indian, Son of Econchatti-Mico, King of the Red Hills, in Florida; with a Brief History of His Nation, and His Renowned Uncle, Ocoia, and His Parents; and Amusing Tales, Illustrative of Indian Life in Florida (London, 1841), by Andrew Welch. Introduction and index by Frank Laumer.

Sketches of St. Augustine, with a View of Its History and Advantages as a Resort for Invalids (New York, 1848), by Rufus King Sewall.

A Relation, or Journal, of a Late Expedition to the Gates of St. Augustine, on Florida: Conducted by the Hon. General James Oglethorpe, with a Detachment of His Regiment, &c. from Georgia (London, 1744), by Edward Kimber. Introduction and index by John J. TePaske.

Notes on the Life and Works of Bernard Romans (DeLand, 1924), by P. Lee Phillips. Introduction and index by John Ware.

Petals Plucked from Sunny Climes (by Silvia Sunshine) (Nashville, 1880), by Abbie M. Brooks.

A Guide-book of Florida and the South, for Tourists, Invalids, and Emigrants, with a Map of the St. John River (Philadelphia, 1869; Jacksonville, 1869), by Daniel Garrison Brinton. Introduction and index by William M. Goza.

Narrative of a Voyage to the Spanish Main, in the Ship "Two Friends"; The Occupation of Amelia Island, by M'Gregor, &c.-Sketches of the Province of East Florida; and Anecdotes Illustrative of the Habits and Manners of the Seminole Indians (London, 1819). Introduction and index by John Griffin.

The American Siberia, or Fourteen Years' Experience in a Southern Convict Camp, by J. C. Powell. 1891. Introduction and index by William Warren Rogers.

The Humble Petition of Denys Rolle, Esq.; Setting Forth the Hardships, Inconveniences, and Grievances Which Have Attended Him in His Attempts to Make a Settlement in East Florida, Humbly Praying Such Relief, as in Their Lordships Wisdom Shall Seem Meet (London, 1766). Introduction and index by Claude Sturgill.

A Tour through the Southern and Western Territories of the United States of North-America; the Spanish Dominions on the River Mississippi, and the Floridas; the Countries of the Creek Nations; and Many Unhabited Parts (Richmond, 1792; reprinted, 1888), by John Pope. Introduction and index by Milo B. Howard, Jr.



Osceola, great Seminole leader. His people will participate in Florida's Bicentennial.



Dr. Andrew Turnbull settled New Smyrna in East Florida during Florida's British period (1763-1783)

Archaeological Research and Development Projects

Research programs for four Spanish Mission sites, Indian Key and Fort Foster, have been supported directly by the Florida Bicentennial Commission. With a grant of \$10,130, the Commission sponsored an archaeological survey by the Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management of four Apalachee Mission sites, which was completed in June, 1972. Based on the results of this investigation, a single site has now been selected and proposed for development.

Made possible by a grant of \$50,000 from the Commission, the archaeological and historical research of Indian Key, conducted by the Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management, began July 1, 1972, and is scheduled for completion in 1973. The historical research of Fort Foster began at the same time and should also be completed in 1973. The archaeological work will commence shortly. The work at Fort Foster has been supported by Commission grants totaling \$35,000. The results of these research programs will provide the basis for the full interpretive development of both of these important sites.

Exploratory negotiations are now underway to determine if the British Fort George at Pensacola, captured by Spanish General Galvez in 1781, and the Jesse Fish Plantation, near Saint Augustine, can be acquired from private owners. They are both particularly desirable because of their direct relationship to the American Revolutionary period.



Section of architectural remains excavated at Indian Key.

Traveling Exhibits

The Bicentennial Commission of Florida, in cooperation with Florida State Museum, is planning a major exhibit to travel throughout Florida.

The three Bicentennial themes, as they relate to Florida, will be featured; Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76.

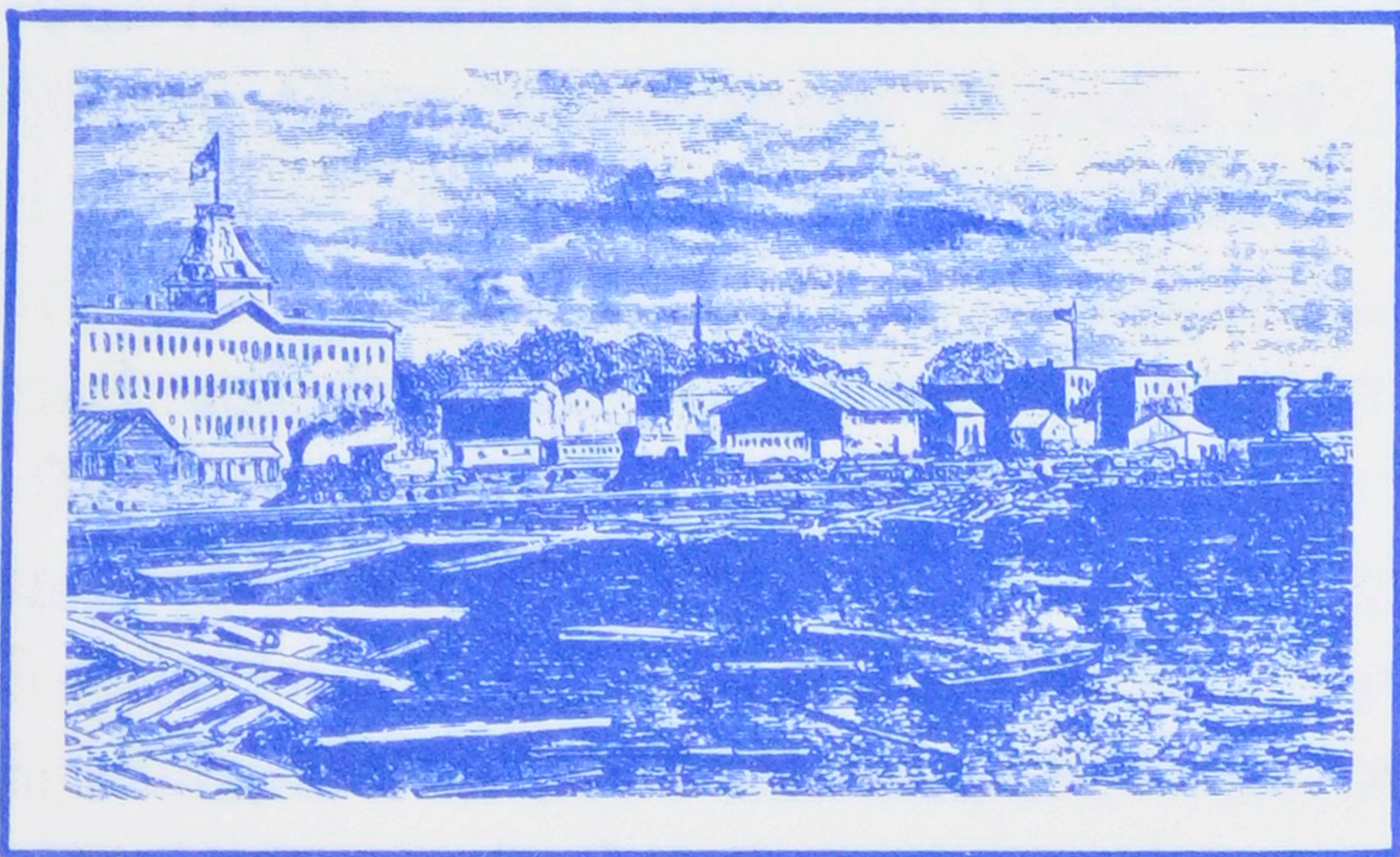
A budget of \$250,000 has been established for design, construction, and operation of the exhibit. The Florida State Museum will handle the scheduling and operation.

History Symposia

An annual symposium, with subjects related to the Revolutionary Era, is planned for each year through 1976 on the campus of a different state university. The first of these was held in May of 1972 at the University of Florida on the subject, "Eighteenth Century Florida and Its Borderlands." The second symposium, in May of 1973 at Florida International University in Miami, had as its title, "18th Century Florida and the Caribbean Community."

The Commission grants each participating university \$5,000 to defray the cost of the symposium and \$2,000 to publish the proceedings after it is held.

The Committee on Research & Publications selects the subject and the participants.



All of Florida's larger cities, including Jacksonville, will participate in the Bicentennial celebration.

Historic American Buildings Surveys

An allotment of \$5,000 in matching funds for each of the five years in the period 1972-76 has been made to the National Park Service for these surveys. The first of these projects for documenting historic buildings was completed the summer of 1972 at the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Florida Architecture Exhibit

The Commission has participated with The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum in Palm Beach in the production of an exhibit on Florida Architecture. The exhibit, designed by Bernard Voichysonk, Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Florida, is a graphic portrayal of the evolution of architectural style in Florida. It consists of thirty-two 3' x 6' black and white panels. Following its premiere at The Flagler Museum on March 23, 1973, the exhibit began traveling throughout the state under the auspices of the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects and its chapters.

The Commission has contributed \$7,000 on a matching funds basis for production of this exhibit.

Federal Grants Program

H. R. 7394 provided for "equal grants in two successive years of not to exceed \$45,000 annually to each state, territory, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, upon application therefor, to assist in the establishment or implementation of Bicentennial Commissions."

The grant the Commission received for fiscal year 1971-72 was allotted to Pensacola to aid in the restoration of the Casenave House. Restoration of this significant building of the old Tivoli Theater Complex in Pensacola's Historic District is now underway and is scheduled for completion early in 1974.

Saint Augustine is scheduled to receive the \$45,000 grant for fiscal year 1972-73. It will be used for archaeological and historic research of historic structures in Saint Augustine. Documents and material stored in the Spanish archives will be translated and microfilmed, and papers will be published on the results of this work.

Interama

In 1969, Third Century, organized and financed by the Miami Chamber of Commerce, went to Washington and was successful in obtaining President Nixon's designation of Miami as one of four cities to play a special role in the Bicentennial observance, with the development of the Interama site as its feature. In 1970, it championed the legislation that established the Bicentennial Commission of Florida and that specified cooperation with the Miami Bicentennial committee as one of its duties. In 1971, Third Century was equally strong in its support of the act that authorized additional performances at pari-mutuel establishments as the means of financing the Bicentennial observance.

Pursuant to a provision of the 1972 Appropriations Act, Interama was allotted \$100,000 for fiscal year 1972-73. Plans have now been completed for the development of the site as a Bicentennial project, at a cost of some \$175 million, to be financed by the proceeds of the sale of bonds that will be paid off from operating revenues.

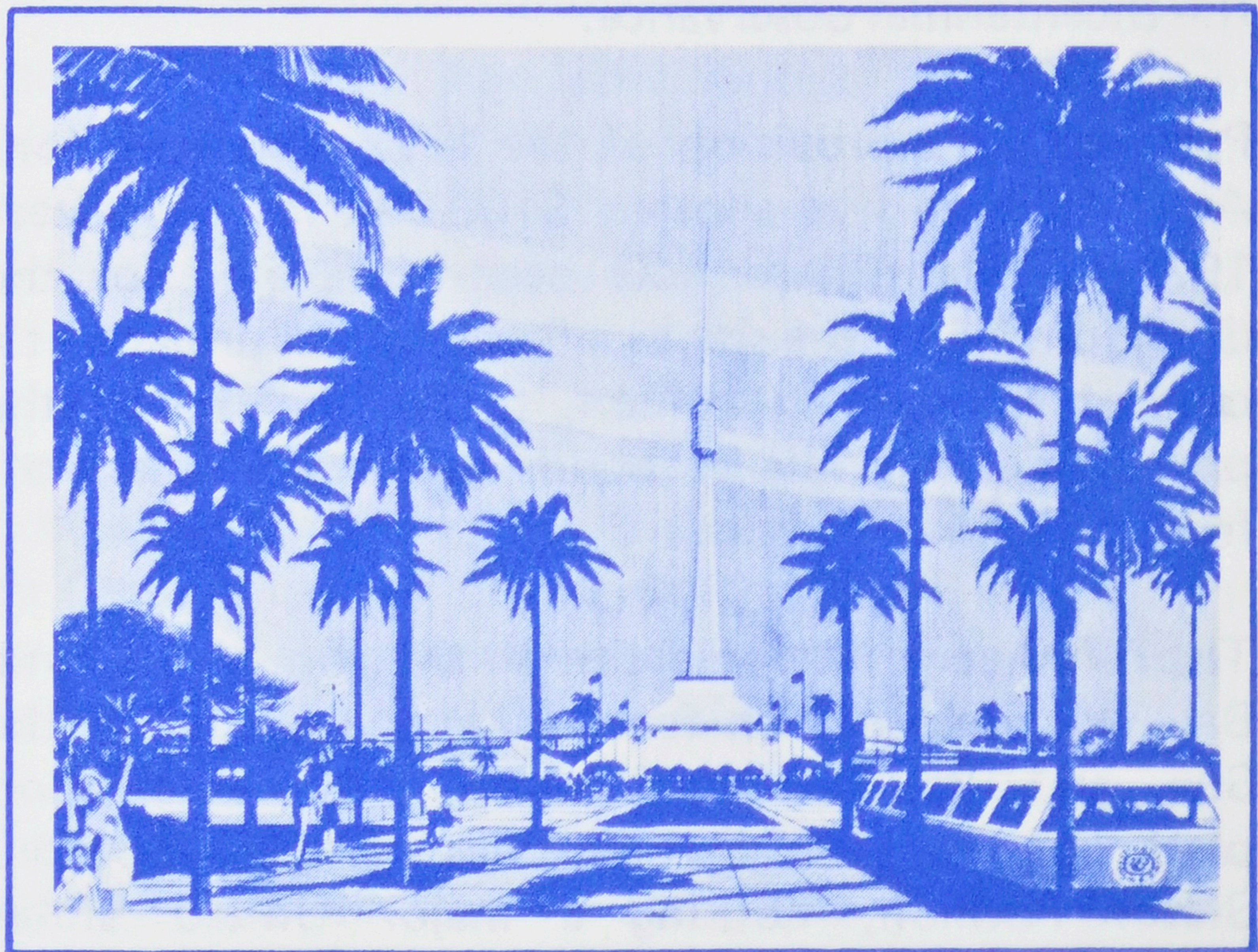
The 1700-acre Interama site at the top of Biscayne Bay will include such features as the Garden of the Sun and its 1000-foot tower with observation platforms, restaurants, and sales areas; the United States Pavilion, housing a major United States exhibition; a concert hall, an amphitheater, an experimental theater, a recital hall, the Inter-American Trade Center, a marina, the north campus of Florida International University, and environmental and recreational areas. Construction is scheduled to commence late in 1973.

Third Century U.S.A.

Third Century is a non-profit corporation founded by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to implement Dade County's participation in the Bicentennial. Originally financed by the private sector, Third Century has been partially funded by the state and has received the official Bicentennial franchise for Dade County.

A great part of Third Century's work has been in developing plans for obtaining national, state, and local support for the Bicentennial at the 1700-acre Interama site in north Biscayne Bay.

In addition to these activities, Third Century has developed many other programs for participation by Dade County in the Bicentennial, including development of the Martin Luther King Boulevard, the publication of a monthly Bicentennial chronicle, reporting colonial news as it occurred 200 years ago, an historical marker program, and participation in the Miami River Cleanup Campaign.



Artist's concept of Interama's Tower of the Sun.

Government Participation

Each branch of state government has been asked to set a major Bicentennial goal for 1976 above and beyond its ordinary responsibilities or duties.

Educational Projects

The Commission is working with the Department of Education to determine ways in which the school systems can participate in the Bicentennial. The Department of Education is in the process of establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to plan Bicentennial projects for the schools.

In 1972, upon recommendation by the Commission, a bill was passed requiring the study of Florida History prior to graduation from high school.

Several universities in Florida have established Bicentennial committees and are planning projects relating to the Bicentennial.

In Dade County, Third Century is planning a youth convention to be held in 1976. Six to eight delegates from each state will be present for an exchange of ideas and an interaction of views relating to the three main objectives of the ARBC; Heritage, Festival, and Horizons. Florida International University will handle the convention coordination.

The Commission will continue its efforts to involve every student in Florida in the Bicentennial observance.

Private Industry Participation

A Resolution was adopted by the Commission in Palm Beach March 23 that the private sector in Florida be asked to participate in the Bicentennial celebration in one of two ways:

- 1) by selecting a Bicentennial goal of its own in the public interest of local or statewide scope, or

2) by selecting a Bicentennial goal in cooperation with a local Action '76 program. Every business and industry in the state is requested to make such a selection and to attain, or help attain that goal by 1976.

A Guide to Florida's Historic Markers

The Commission joined with the Department of State, Division of Archives, History, and Records Management, in publishing a booklet, "A Guide to Florida's Historic Markers," in August, 1972. The booklet contains the location and descriptive text of 192 State sponsored historic markers in sixty counties in Florida. Fifty thousand copies were printed and distributed to Welcome Stations, libraries, interested citizens, and schools in Florida requested over ten thousand copies for classroom use.

Franklin Mint Medal Competition

In 1972, the Commission sponsored an art competition conducted by the Franklin Mint to create an official Bicentennial medal design for Florida. Florida's medal is one of a fifty-state set that is being offered for sale throughout the country, and upon which the Florida Commission receives royalties.

Winners of the competition, and the awards they received, are as follows: Ralph Butler, West Hyattsville, Maryland, first place \$5,000; Ralph Lima, Riviera Beach, Florida, second place \$2,500; Jean P. Roberts, Pensacola, Florida, third place \$1,500; Nancy A. Williams, Saint Petersburg, Florida, fourth place \$1,000.

The six distinguished Floridians who comprised the panel of judges were the following: Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams, Chairman; Mrs. Beverly Dozier, Director, Florida Division of Cultural Affairs; Harrison Covington, Professor of Art, University of South Florida; Pat Dodson, Vice Chairman, Florida Bicentennial Commission; Harris H. Mullen, Publisher of Florida Trend Magazine; Dr. Charlton W. Tebeau, retired Professor of History, University of Miami.

Plans are now being made to make Florida's official medal available for purchase by the public on an individual basis early in 1974.



Official Bicentennial Medal Design for Florida

Commemorative Items

A contract has been signed for the manufacture of two commemorative plates and a mug by Wilton Armetale of Pennsylvania. Armetale metal is an alloy similar to pewter but stronger and more reasonably priced. The 6" plate, 11" plate, and mug, containing the Bicentennial logo, will be offered for sale at department and speciality stores throughout Florida, and will also be sold by the Bicentennial Commission of Florida. The Commission will receive royalties from the sale of these items.

Special Events

The Commission has taken the position that, rather than have a series of special events on July 4, 1976, it will ask existing festival organizations to have bicentennial themes for their activities in 1976. The Commission cannot financially support these events but may accord them official bicentennial recognition.

Publicity

The Commission staff publishes a monthly newsletter, "Florida '76 Today," which contains news of Commission activities and plans, local steering committees progress, and other items of interest.

Lieutenant Governor Tom Adams, Chairman of the Commission, has recorded both radio and TV public service announcements urging citizens to "get involved" in the Action '76 program in their community. These are being distributed to radio and TV stations throughout the state. Plans are also being made to produce tapes highlighting the Bicentennial Trail and these will be distributed to radio stations throughout the state.

The Commission's 14-minute color film, "A Declaration of Interdependence," was produced in August, 1972, and is available to civic clubs, local governments, historical groups, schools, TV stations and other interested parties. The film can be ordered from the Bicentennial Commission of Florida. Speakers are also available to show the film and discuss the program.

Pensacola's Action '76 Committee has produced a 10-minute color film, "Now is the Time," which is available by writing to Warren M. Briggs, Post Office Box 550, Pensacola, Florida, 32501.

Brochures on the first twelve Bicentennial Trail sites have been published to acquaint the public with their historical significance. These are being distributed at welcome stations throughout the state and may also be obtained by request to the Commission office in Tallahassee.

Press releases are sent to the media frequently to keep the public abreast of Commission activities and also to announce appointments of steering committee chairmen in the various counties. Feature stories are written to highlight the special programs underway throughout the state.

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